



Past Simple

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Grammar summary

Subject / verb	Affirmative	Negative
I / You / We / They	worked / went	did not / didn't work or go
He / She / It	worked / went	did not / didn't work or go
be: I / He / She / It	was	was not / wasn't
be: You / We / They	were	were not / weren't

Use past simple for finished events: yesterday, last week, in 2020.

Regular: play - played; live - lived; study - studied; stop - stopped.

After did not / didn't, use the base verb: She didn't go.

01 Regular past forms

Complete with the past form of the verb in brackets.

Example: I worked yesterday. (work)

1. I _____ football yesterday. (play)
2. She _____ the classroom yesterday. (clean)
3. We _____ a film last night. (watch)
4. They _____ to school yesterday. (walk)
5. He _____ his friend last week. (visit)
6. You _____ the window yesterday. (open)

02 Choose the irregular past

Complete each gap with the correct past form.

1. I _____ to the park yesterday. (go)
2. She _____ a film last night. (see)
3. We _____ pizza yesterday. (eat)
4. They _____ a new ball last week. (buy)

03 After didn't

Complete with the base verb, using the clue in brackets.

1. I didn't _____ to school yesterday. (go)
2. She didn't _____ lunch yesterday. (eat)
3. We didn't _____ the match last night. (watch)
4. They didn't _____ a cake yesterday. (make)



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Base verb	Past form	Example
go / see	went / saw	We went home. We saw a film.
eat / buy	ate / bought	He ate lunch. He bought a book.
have / make	had / made	I had dinner. I made a cake.
take / write	took / wrote	She took a photo. She wrote an email.

Irregular past forms must be learned; they do not take -ed.

Negative: I didn't see it. With be: I wasn't there; they weren't there.

Choose the form from the finished past time and the instruction.

04 was or were?

Complete with was or were.

Example: They were happy yesterday.

1. I _____ at home yesterday.
2. She _____ tired last night.
3. We _____ in the library yesterday.
4. You _____ late yesterday.

05 Make it negative

Use did not / didn't + the verb in brackets.

1. I _____ TV yesterday. (watch)
2. She _____ the door yesterday. (open)
3. We _____ the museum last week. (visit)
4. He _____ to the park yesterday. (go)
5. They _____ lunch yesterday. (eat)
6. You _____ a pen yesterday. (buy)

06 A Saturday at home

Use the past simple of the verb in brackets.

1. I _____ at home last Saturday. (be)
2. I _____ my room in the morning. (clean)
3. I _____ a sandwich for lunch. (make)
4. I _____ out that evening. (not / go)